Argumentative (Persuasive) Script Analysis Paper

This must be typed, Font 12, single spaced.

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| Paragraph | 4Effective | 3Good | 2Satisfactory | 1Weak | Tally |
| **1. Introduction**  5 Introductory elements include:  Title  Author  Publishing Company  Date Published  Genre of the play | Includes all five introductory elements of the script, a “hook” to pull in the interest of the reader, and a thesis that clearly takes **one position as to whether or not our school should produce this show** | Includes all of the introductory elements of the script and a clear thesis that takes one position as to whether or not our school should produce this show, but there is nothing in the writing of the introduction to “hook” the reader | Includes all of the introductory information about the script, but the thesis is not clear or they have no hook and no position. | Includes no thesis and/or hook and/or position and/or is missing multiple introductory elements of the script. |  |
| **2. Plot and Dialogue/Language** | Includes a very brief summary of the **plot** *(2-3 sentences to establish Beg. Mid. End)* and uses multiple **events** in the plot AND multiple examples of **dialogue** from the script to clearly support the thesis. | Includes a very brief summary of the plot *(2-3 sentences to establish Beg. Mid. End)* and uses 3 events or examples of dialogue from the script to support the thesis. | Plot summary may be too brief or too long. There are only two events or examples of dialogue from the script to give limited support of the thesis. | Is lacking a summary of the plot or lacking sufficient examples from the script to support the thesis. |  |
| **3.**  **Characters**  **(helpful hints: think size of cast, age ranges of characters, required nationalities or races, demands of accents/dialects or “life knowledge” that a young actor may not have, etc.)** | Provides a thorough description of the variety of characters in the script and uses at least 4 specific characters (or groups of characters) to support the thesis as to whether or not our school actors could successfully perform these roles. | Provides a description of the variety of characters in the script and uses at least 3 specific characters (or groups of characters) to support the thesis as to whether or not our school actors could successfully perform these roles. | Provides a description of the variety of characters in the script and uses only 2 specific characters (or groups of characters) to support the thesis as to whether or not our school actors could successfully perform these roles. | Description of variety of characters is very weak and there is only one example from the script to support the thesis. |  |
| **4.**  **Technical Requirements** | Identifies the time period and all settings in the script. Uses specific examples of props, set, lights, sound, and costumes to identify challenging elements and support the thesis. | Identifies the time period and all settings in the script. Uses general examples of props, set, lights, sound, and costumes to identify challenging elements and support the thesis. | Does not identify the time period or all of the settings in the script and/or uses few examples of the technical requirements to support the thesis. | Does not identify one or more of the following: the time period, all of the locations in the script, and examples of technical requirement from the script to support the thesis. |  |
| **5. Refutation** | Acknowledges the opposing view, gives at least 2 of their main arguments and refutes them. | Acknowledges the opposing view, gives at least one of their main arguments, and refutes it. | Refutation is vague. | Refutation is missing. |  |
| **6.**  **Conclusion** | Summarizes paper without restating the introduction and provides a “nail” to finally and ultimately convince the reader of their argument. | Summarizes paper without restating the introduction. Final effort or “nail” to convince reader could be stronger. | Summarizes paper but it is too similar to the introduction and /or lacks a final “nail” to convince reader of thesis. | Summary is weak or identical to introduction. |  |
| **Mechanics** | Contains no more than 3 spelling/grammatical errors, utilizes sentence variety, strong word choice | Contains more than 3 but less than 5 spelling/grammatical errors, has some sentence variety, good word choice | Contains more than 5 but less than 7 spelling/grammatical errors, lacks sentence variety, weak word choice | Contains more than 7 spelling/grammatical errors, lacks sentence variety, fails to “hook” and keep reader’s attention, fails to support thesis |  |

Total Rubric Points \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **Grade Scale**  **25-28 A 18-24 B 11-17 C 4-10 D 1-3 F Your Grade:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |